

Paul's Timeline - When Did He Visit Jerusalem?

Paul's Visits To Jerusalem

(Actually, what I have written is garbage, so now I will dig further into Acts to try and establish a coherent timeline)

There is a slight problem in understanding when exactly key events took place in the first Century. We have very little historical evidence of actual dates for key events. There is also an apparent conflict between Luke's account of Paul's Life in Acts, and Paul's account in Galatians. Here is a quick synopsis of how I think the timeline runs, and why I think there is no conflict.

As I have explained elsewhere, I believe we can assert confidently that:

AD26 - John The Baptist began his ministry

AD30 - (3.5 years later) Christ began his ministry

AD33 - (3.5 years later) Our Lord was crucified

Now for some guesstimations:

AD35-39 Stephen was stoned....maybe end of AD36

AD37 (Obviously, after Stephen's stoning) Paul was converted on the road to Damascus

AD37-44 Paul ministered exclusively in Israel, Syria, and Antioch.

AD43/44 Paul and Peter receive their separate revelations of the Gospel to the Nations; Peter on the roof at Cornelius' house, Paul in the Temple at Jerusalem. Paul was at this point in Jerusalem delivering aid around about the start of the Great Famine of AD44.

AD 47 Paul makes a clandestine visit to Jerusalem where he fellowships only with Peter and James; this is the event that occurs three years after his revelation in the Temple (see Galatians)

AD 58 The Council Of Jerusalem occurs; this is the event that occurs fourteen years after his revelation in the Temple (see Galatians)

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This is just a broad stroke picture - feel free to correct me if I am missing something.